

# NEWS & EVENTS



## Celebrating 75,000 Victorian Children Made Safer On Our Roads

The *Starting Out Safely* Road Safety Education program reached a major milestone during October 2017 with over 75,000 Victorian preschool children having now participated. To celebrate, ELAA and VicRoads invited the stars of the *Starting Out Safely* program – Professor Eric Speriment and his friend, ThingleToodle – to join the children at Albert Park Kindergarten for some great road safety fun and a magnificent road safety cake. And Victoria's Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Luke Donnellan, dropped by to help the children blow out the candles...

Image: Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Luke Donnellan (2nd from right front), and ELAA CEO, Shane Lucas (1st from right back), celebrate with The Professor Eric Speriment, ThingleToodle, and the children of Albert Park Kindergarten.

## Conference registrations opening in late February

With nearly 80 presentations at this year's Early Childhood Education Conference plus the early learning services and products Trade Exhibition, there's bound to be something for your service. Delegate Registrations open late February. Full details on pages 8 & 9.

## Great prizes for the 2018 Raffle

The 2018 Caring for Kids Raffle has great prizes again this year including:

- First Prize: \$6000 Flight Centre voucher
- Second Prize: \$2500 Harvey Norman voucher
- Third Prize: \$750 JB HiFi voucher
- Fourth Prize: \$250 ColesMyer voucher

Services earn \$1 for every ticket sold and you can win prizes for selling the most tickets.

Order your tickets from ELAA now and start selling them in Term 2. Go to [ela.org.au/resources/support-services/fundraising](http://ela.org.au/resources/support-services/fundraising)



## Get your application in for our Road Safety Award

The Starting Out *Safely* Road Safety Education Award, sponsored by VicRoads, celebrates educators who demonstrate a commitment to high quality road safety education in their early learning services.

The award is open to all Victorian early childhood educators and the winner's service will receive \$500 plus a set of road safety education resources.

To apply, tell us about an example/s of high quality road safety education or share a great road safety learning experience (about 200 words) that illustrates a connection between the children in your service and the community around them.

Email your submission to [rse@ela.org.au](mailto:rse@ela.org.au) by 11 May 2018. Enquiries to the RSE Team on 03 9489 3500 or [rse@ela.org.au](mailto:rse@ela.org.au)



## ELAA 2018 Professional Learning and Development Program – book your training now!

Members will soon receive their printed copy of our 2018 Professional Learning and Development Program in the mail. It's packed full of useful and relevant training sessions for early learning service managers, teachers, educators, coordinators, family day-care providers, maternal child health nurses and committee of management members. But if you can't wait to get your hard copy then jump on line to view the program guide at [ela.org.au/learning-development](http://ela.org.au/learning-development) and book your sessions at [ela.org.au/pld](http://ela.org.au/pld).